### BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No	. 2008-46
ANGELA M. YAN 421 Napa Street, Apt #1 Sausalito, California 94965		
Registered Nursing License No. 586215		

Respondent.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on May 9,2008

It is so ORDERED May 9,2008

FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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9	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS			
10	STATE OF CAL	IFORNIA		
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2008-46		
12	ANGELA M. YAN			
13	421 Napa Street, Apt #1 Sausalito, California 94965	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND		
14	Registered Nursing License No. 586215	DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPRIMAND		
15	Respondent.			
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND	AGREED by and between the parties to the		
18	above-entitled proceedings that the following matter	s are true:		
19	<u>PARTIE</u>	<u>es</u>		
20	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H, R.N	(Complainant) is the Executive Officer of		
21	the Board of Registered Nursing (Board). She brough	ht this action solely in her official capacity		
22	and is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brow	vn Jr., Attorney General of the State of		
23	California, by Sterling A. Smith, Deputy Attorney G	eneral.		
24	2. Respondent Angela M. Yan (F	Respondent) is represented in this proceeding		
25	by Leeh Ann DiBello, Esq., 500 Sansome Street, Sui	ite 410, San Francisco, California 94111.		
26	3. On or about August 24, 2001,	the Board issued Registered Nursing		
27	License No. 586215 to Angela M. Yan (Respondent)	. The license will expire on May 31, 2009,		
28	unless renewed			

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#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 2008-46 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November 1, 2007. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 2008-46 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

### **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, discussed with counsel, and fully understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2008-46. Respondent has also carefully read, discussed with counsel, and fully understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2008-46.
- 9. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nursing License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand below.

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#### **CIRCUMSTANCES IN MITIGATION**

10. Respondent has never been the subject of any disciplinary action. She is admitting responsibility at an early stage in the proceedings. The Accusation is grounded on a single incident of unprofessional conduct occurring in 2004. The circumstances of the incident were that a hospitalized patient was in acute respiratory distress and her oxygen level was 83% and going down. Respondent administered a small amount of Propofol in order to calm the patient just seconds before physicians arrived to intubate the patient.

Since the 2004 incident, Respondent has received employer assessments showing that she meets or exceeds expectations in substantially all aspects of registered nursing.

Moreover, Respondent has sharpened her nursing skills since the incident by completing classes in Trauma Nursing Core Course, Management of Assaultive Behavior, Pediatric Advanced Life Support Recognition, Sick Call Protocol for Correctional Nurses, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Recognition and Wound Management and Healing.

### **CONTINGENCY**

- understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel, if any. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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1	13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties
2	agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the
3	following Disciplinary Order:
4	<u>DISCIPLINARY ORDER</u>
5	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Angela M. Yan, as holder of
6	Registered Nursing License No. 586215 shall, by way of letter from the Board's Executive
7	Officer, be publicly reprimanded. Said letter shall be in substantially the same form as the letter
8	attached as Exhibit B hereto.
9	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>
10	I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public
11	Reprimand and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Leeh Ann DiBello, Esq. I understand
12	the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nursing. I enter into this Stipulated
13	Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand voluntarily, knowingly, and
14	intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered
15	Nursing.
16	DATED: $S/410f$
17	this
18	ANCELA M. VAN Respondent
19	Respondent
20	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Angela Yan the terms and
21	conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order
22	for Public Reprimand. I approve its form and content.
23	DATED: 3/4/08
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25	TERH ANN DIRECTOR ESC
26	LEEH ANN DIBELLO, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

## **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reprimand is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing. DATED: 3-11-2008

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California

**ARTHUR TAGGART** Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A
Accusation No. 2008-46

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article [Article 3 of the Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2700 et seq.)]. As used in this article, 'license' includes certificate, registration, or any other authorization to engage in practice regulated by this chapter. The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code [the Administrative Procedure Act], and the board shall have all the powers granted therein.

#### 4. Code section 2764 provides:

The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license.

# STATUTORY PROVISIONS

5. Code section 2761 provides, in pertinent part:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct . . .
- Code section 2762 provides, in pertinent part: 6.

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

- (a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.
- (e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section

	1	7. Code section 4022 provides:
	3	"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:
	5	(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
	6 7 8	(b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
1	9	(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
1	11	8. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subdivision (a), provides:
	2	(a) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled
1	3	or presentation to confident and an arranged of the free of the second o
14	4	misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.
15	5	9. Code section 125.3 provides that the Board may request the administrative
16	5   law	v judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing
17	7 act	to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of
18		case.
19		DRUGS
20		10. "Propofol (Diprivan)" is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code
21	sect	ion 4022.
22		FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
23		(Unprofessional Conduct)
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25	unde	Respondent's license is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct r Code section 2761, subdivision (a) in that on on the code section 2761, subdivision (b) in that on on the code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that on on the code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that on on the code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that on on the code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that on on the code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that on one code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that on one code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that one code section 2761, subdivision (c) in the code section 2761, subdivision (c) in that one code section 2761, subdivision (c) in the code section (c) in the
26	1348	r Code section 2761, subdivision (a), in that on or about April 24, 2004, at approximately
27	Resno	hours, while employed at Mercy General Hospital, located in Sacramento, California,
28	111	ondent administered a portion of a 20 ml vial of Propofol (Diprivan) to Patient "A" without
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# **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 586215, issued to Angela M. Yan;
- 2. Ordering Angela M. Yan to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the Board in the investigation and enforcement of this case pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: Stylon

RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N.

Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Complainant

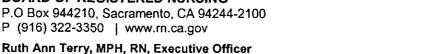
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Exhibit B Letter of Public Reprimand



#### **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**

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May 9, 2008

Ms. Angela M. Yan 421 Napa Street, Apt. 1 Sausalito, CA 94965

RE: Public Reprimand

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Angela M. Yan

Registered Nurse License No. 586215

Board of Registered Nursing Case No. 2008-46

Dear Ms. Yan:

On August 14, 2007, the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, filed an Accusation against your registered nurse license, alleging unprofessional conduct, wrongfully obtaining and administering dangerous drugs, and making grossly incorrect and inconsistent entries in medical records under Business and Professions Code sections 2761 (a), 2762 (a) and 2762 (e). The Accusation alleges and you admit that you obtained and administered Propofol to a patient, without a physician's order, and then failed to document administration of the medication in the patient's medication administration record.

Taking into consideration the fact that you have no history of prior disciplinary action, the fact that the alleged violations occurred nearly four years ago, and the fact that you have subsequently received excellent job performance evaluations, the Board has determined that the charges warrant a public reprimand.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority provided under section 495 of the Business and Professions Code, and in resolution of this matter, the Board of Registered Nursing hereby issues this letter of public reprimand.

Sincerely.

RUTH ANN TERRY, R.N., M.P.H.

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Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California